

STRICOM OMNIBUS CONTRACT (STOC) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STRICOM invites your company to submit a proposal in response to the STOC Contracts RFP. The purpose of the STOC is to improve STRICOM's ability to rapidly support our customer's evolving and dynamic mission needs, taking full advantage of a broad range of emerging technologies. The STOC aims to substantially reduce lead times and expenses associated with individual contract actions, while providing world class qualified industry capability including teaming arrangements. STOC contracts will be awarded in four business area LOTs: Live, Virtual, Constructive, and Test-Instrumentation. Project execution will be through delivery/task orders against STOC contracts.

STOC will provide for concept exploration, development, production, and interim contractor support of systems throughout STRICOM's business areas. The STOC ID/IQC neither encourages nor discourages teaming arrangements among the various companies in industry. However STOC will require that all awardees comply with the NAVAIR 5252.245-9520 (Associate Contractor Clause)[DEVIATION] in individual delivery/task orders. This clause will enhance and encourage communication between the various contractor teams within and across domains, support horizontal integration throughout STRICOM's business and product areas, and provide seamless transition from initial fielding to life cycle contractor support. Inter-contractor communications provided through the Associate Contract Agreements (ACA) will support the interoperability of systems developed using the ID/IQC.

The STOC RFP is a Multiple Award Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity Contract (ID/IQC) with an eight-year period of performance. This contract is structured around eight product areas that support STRICOM's Live, Constructive, Virtual, and Test-Instrumentation business domains.

Contracts will be awarded in each of these four Domains/LOTs, based on evaluation of (in order of importance) past performance, management, and price. The number of contracts planned includes two awards set aside for small business and two or more awards under full and open competition per LOT. This will provide a sufficient contractor base for competition over the life of the contract. Since contracts may be awarded to both small and large businesses, the RFP contains clauses that may apply exclusively to one or the other. The STOC contracts will be identical and will require the awardees to provide a broad range of products, supplies, and services of a sort described by the STOC Product Area Description Document and the STOC Statement of Work. Specific requirements will be competed at the delivery/task order level. The Government reserves the right to not award any contracts.

This will be a best value source selection. The basis for contract award is specified in Section M (Evaluation Criteria) of the STOC RFP. The offeror's proposal will be evaluated in each LOT and offerors may propose in one or any combination of the four LOTs: Live, Virtual, Constructive and Test-Instrumentation. The planned contract award date without discussions is 1 September 2000.

The total aggregate ceiling of the STOC contracts is \$4 billion. Should contracts be awarded, the minimum quantity, which represents the Government's sole liability, will be \$10,000.00. The STOC ceiling was estimated on potential efforts that may or may not be awarded via STOC.

Foreign sources are excluded from proposing as a prime contractor under the STOC solicitation. Foreign sources may pursue subcontracting arrangements in accordance with International Traffic in Arms Regulations. All US owned firms must submit an approved DD Form 2345 "Military Critical Technical Data Agreement" with Volume I of the proposal.

The Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) has initially determined that adequate price competition is anticipated for this source selection; therefore, certified cost or pricing data is not required. If the PCO later determines that certified cost or pricing data is necessary, offerors must provide it within 30 days of the PCO's request

The offeror is hereby notified that all amendments to this RFP along with any notices pertaining to this RFP, including the minutes from the pre-proposal conference, will be via electronic means only. All amendments and notices, including the minutes from the pre-proposal conference, will be posted on the STRICOM Omnibus Contract, website at <http://www.stricom.army.mil/INDUSTRY/STOC>. It is the offeror's responsibility to access the information. No paper copies will be provided.

No legal liability on the part of the Government for offerors' bid and proposal costs shall occur for this procurement. Offerors are advised that the cost of any response to, or other cost incurred as a result of, this solicitation is at the offerors' risk.

Since the Government anticipates proposals will be evaluated and contracts will be awarded without discussions with the offerors, you are cautioned to submit your best proposal initially. There are no incremental proposal submissions. As part of the past performance evaluation, it may be necessary to interact with in plant personnel as part of the evaluation. Such interactions are clarifications and shall not be used to cure proposal deficiencies or material omissions, materially alter the Present and Past Performance Volume or Management Volume of the proposal, and/or otherwise revise the submission. Notwithstanding, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if they are determined to be necessary.

Security requirements for the STOC ID/IQ basic contract will be Secret. However, there will be requirements at the delivery/task order level for activity above the secret level, which require the contractor to have access to appropriate facilities. Due to the time required to establish this security level, some contractors that do not already have clearances above secret may be prevented from competing on some individual delivery/task orders.

An Ombudsman will be established to hear concerns from contract awardees that want to express concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations to the appropriate Government personnel. Existence of an Ombudsman does not diminish the authority of the Program Director or the Contracting Officer. The Ombudsman will be Mr. Tom Mazza at (407) 384-3802 or send e-mail to Tom_Mazza @stricom.army.mil.

Submit proposals to US Army Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation Command, Attn: Ms. Melissa Cossentino, Code 25737, 12350 Research Parkway, Orlando, FL 32826-3275.

Proposal Volumes are due 2:00 p.m. local time, 22 June 2000.